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## TEAMSTERS ARE CALLED TO POLITICAL BATTLING

### Congressman Halleck Has Score Of 19-to-1 Against Organized Labor Since Beginning of War

By RUSSELL T. HOUZE

Managing Editor, The Indiana Teamster

(Editor's Note—This is another in a series of editorials dealing with Indiana members of Congress who have been unfair to labor.)

Congressman Charles A. Halleck, of Rensselaer, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, doesn't have an anti-labor record that is completely bad. But it smells to high heaven.

On one occasion since Pearl Harbor, possibly by mistake, he abided by the wishes of organized labor and voted against poll taxes.

It was a startling exception to the rule. In no less than 19 other instances since the start of the war, he has ignored working men and women and has voted for legislation intended to shackle the labor movement.

His score since Pearl Harbor is 19-to-1 against labor. And he chalked up an identical score before Pearl Harbor.

He voted for the foul-smelling Connally-Smith Act, he voted against price control, and he voted to kill food subsidies.

Is it any wonder that organized labor plans to exert every effort to defeat him in the 1944 elections?

And isn't it sad that one of the great political parties of the nation has selected a man of his type to keynote for it?

The *Minnesota Union Advocate* commented recently that the selection of Halleck as leader of the Republican congressional campaign greatly increased the chances of a Democratic party victory in 1944.

The *Union Advocate* called attention to an address recently made by Halleck before the Cincinnati Advertisers' Club.

Here was what the Minnesota paper had to say about him:

"Halleck told his hearers of his long and heroic fight to forbid the Federal government to require manufacturers and canners of food to honestly label their merchandise. . . . He went on in his tantrum in the fashion of a crusader in shining armor, clanking the good sword of free enterprise on the resounding shield of private initiative and human liberty."

And here is what the *Union Advocate* quoted Halleck as saying:

"I would lay down my life in the fight to keep America free of grade labeling. As a consumer, I insist upon the right to depend on the integrity of the men behind the country's trademarks. And if, in the end, I poison myself by eating the wrong kind of food, or cut my throat by using the wrong kind of razor blade, or freeze to death sleeping under the wrong kind of blanket, I shall go to my reward secure in the knowledge that I have lived and died as a free-born American should."

We might add that it is more than likely that Halleck will go down to political defeat, secure in the knowledge that he had done about everything in Congress that any free-born American shouldn't.

And, while speaking of grade labeling, we are reminded that Halleck is a close friend of Ivan C. Morgan, labor's most vicious enemy. Morgan isn't in favor of grade labeling, either, and he doesn't like pure food laws designed to protect public health. He has been convicted 18 times by the Federal government for violations of health laws.

### MODEST LOCAL 193 DRIVER ADMITS SAVING 4 IN ROAD WRECK AND FIRE

It didn't seem worth talking about. That is, it didn't seem so to Driver Wally Warnke of the Aero Mayflower Transit Company, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193. But—to his courageous action, recently four persons owe their lives.

The story of his heroism, unfolded only when an attorney in Tennessee made inquiry of the company as to the identity of a Mayflower driver who had wit-

nessed a highway wreck, rescued those involved and took pictures of the damaged vehicles. The company sent a general letter to all drivers to discover the modest man who didn't talk. Then the story came out.

It was just another routine drive for Wally Warnke as he piloted Van 87-88 along the highway—until disaster occurred before his eyes. As he related later, a coupe had

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### ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY LABOR IN ELECTIONS SEEN AS NECESSITY

#### NEW SENATOR



Samuel D. Jackson, Fort Wayne attorney and veteran Democratic party leader, recently was appointed by Governor Henry F. Schricker as United States Senator, filling a vacancy created by the death of Senator Frederick Van Nuys. Senator Jackson has promised to support President Roosevelt.

Union Leader Declares Future of Nation Hinges on  
Whether or Not Workers' Enemies Are  
Beaten by Ballots

#### COMPLETE REGISTRATION IS SOUGHT

By PAT HESS,  
President, Indiana State Drivers' Council

Are you satisfied? Well, if you are, don't register to vote. Don't attend your union meetings. Don't listen to labor leaders or people in public office who are fair to labor. Just sit still and take one of the damndest lickings you ever got. That is just what is likely to happen in the near future.

We of organized labor in Indiana have a job to do. There are a few in public office that are fair to labor; many that are not. Those who are not fair must be removed. That goes for senators, congressmen and state representatives. Their records speak for themselves. Labor haters can be found in public offices in every state in the union, Indiana being no exception.

#### Labor Sees Its Mistake

The persons who have always fought labor have always tried to lead workers to believe that they should never get into politics. Labor foolishly has abided by the wishes of the labor-haters for many years. Now labor is aware of the mistake it has made. Members of organized labor now know that they must be active in politics.

The life, the future of our nation may depend on whether or not we become active politically, and thereby see to it that labor gets a square deal now and in the post-war period. Labor's enemies will strive to create a post-war world in which working men and women will be given secondary consideration; in which the labor haters will be able to seize excessive profits at the expense of labor.

Must we settle disputes through the use of picket lines all of our lives? The answer will be "no" if we are able to elect men and women to public offices who are honest and who will protect the rights of labor.

#### Action Needed Now

It is high time that we learn how to work for the election of honest people to public offices, and how to oppose racketeers, professional politicians and pressure groups that are opposed to our way of life—be they Democrats or Republicans.

Yes, from now on the Teamsters of Indiana will engage in politics, and we will apply as much pressure as possible upon the rest of the labor movement to do likewise.

Be sure to attend the labor political meetings that are held in your community.

Remember the 105,000 members of our organization who are in the armed forces. They will want decent conditions to come back to.

### Hess Is Re-Elected to Council Presidency Without Opposition

Pat Hess, alert and aggressive Teamster leader of Fort Wayne, was re-elected as president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council at a meeting in Indianapolis last month.

Mr. Hess, who is secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 414 of Fort Wayne, was chosen without opposition to fill the important post during 1944.

All other officers of the Council, with the exception of Elmer Briner of Crothersville, a trustee of the Council during 1943, who is ill, also were re-elected. Russell T. Houze, president of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193 and president of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69, was elected to succeed Mr. Briner.

The other officers re-elected are Steve Toth of Local Union No. 520, East Chicago, vice-president; Clyde B. Birdsong of Local Union No. 215, Evansville, secretary-treasurer; O. B. Chambers of Local Union No. 759, Kokomo, recording secretary, and D. E. Mahoney of Local Union No. 369, Muncie, and Elmer Nolan of Local Union No. 73, Clinton, trustees.

### Garrett Chapman Burned to Death In Truck Mishap

VALPARAISO, Ind.—(Special)—Garrett Chapman, a member of Local Union No. 759 of Kokomo, and a driver for Kain Motor Freight in Logansport, was burned fatally January 28 when a truck he was driving collided with another truck near here and both trucks caught fire.

Mr. Chapman was pinned in his truck, and would-be rescuers were unable to reach him until after members of the Valparaiso fire department had arrived to extinguish the flames.

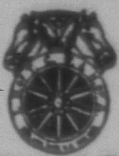
Mr. Chapman had been driving west on U.S. Highway 30, and the other truck, driven by Pasquale Ivano of Chicago, was en route east on the highway. Mr. Ivano started to turn north onto Highway 2 and Mr. Chapman's truck crashed into the side of the turning truck. Both trucks burst into flames.

#### BIRDSONG IS RE-ELECTED

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—(Special)—Clyde B. Birdsong of Evansville, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, recently was elected to his sixth consecutive term as president of the Evansville Building Trades Council.



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## Our Platform for 1944

1. To exert all possible efforts to bring the war to a speedy, victorious conclusion.
2. To help bring defeat to members of Congress and other public officials who have been unfair to organized labor.
3. To strengthen the Teamster movement in Indiana and thereby assist working men and women to obtain higher wages and improved working conditions.

## The Fateful Days Are Here

The Fourth War Loan is nearing its close.

Teamsters of Indiana and other members of organized labor already have given strong support in the campaign to help back the attack, but more bond-buying must be done.

This is the kind of a war you as an individual can't brush off. You're in it to the hilt. Not since the very beginning of our republic have the ringing words of the founding fathers—"we pledge our lives and our fortunes"—resounded so clearly and so truly. Because if we lose, we lose all—not only as a nation but as individuals.

In the forthcoming big assaults, in which men from your union, men from your own home and men from your neighbors' homes will be braving every terror Hitler and Tojo can hurl against them, you have a job to do.

You can't afford to take the chance that you will not be needed. Every man and woman, and our children, must deny themselves comforts and luxuries to put the money into extra war bonds in order to achieve in some measure the sacrifices which will be made by our fighting men during the next few months.

The fateful days are here. In the years to come you will look back at the early months of 1944 and recall what you did to help save yourself, your family and your country.

In doing your duty, you will first of all be loyal to your country. But you should not lose sight of the fact that buying bonds and keeping them is actually saving money. They are the safest and best investment against a rainy day.

Let's all back the attack.

## Inflation Menace Remains

The menace of inflation still hangs over the heads of America's working men and women.

Many members of Congress still are trying to kill food subsidies.

They are trying to kick wide open the door which would permit sky-high prices to rush into the national scene. They are willing to take food from the mouths of many Americans.

The Teamsters of Indiana already have expressed strong opposition to the subsidy-killing efforts, but we must do more. Senator Raymond E. Willis and Senator Samuel D. Jackson should be reminded by a great outpouring of telegrams that the Teamster movement wants subsidies to be continued.

Although the House of Representatives already has voted to kill subsidies, it would be wise to write or wire your Congressman, urging him to support a possible veto by President Roosevelt of the anti-subsidies bill in the event it is passed by the Senate.

Remember the words of Congressman Louis Ludlow, of Indianapolis, when he made a futile plea in the House of Representatives in behalf of subsidies.

"I hate subsidies," Congressman Ludlow said, "but there is one thing I hate more than subsidies and that is inflation that would crush the heart out of every person in this country who is on a fixed income, and that is precisely the sort of unspeakable disaster we will be inviting if this anti-subsidies bill becomes a law."

Do your part. Advise your Senators and Representatives immediately that you want food subsidies to be retained. Act now.

## Local 193 Driver Admits Saving 4 In Crash and Fire

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been running ahead of him and his van. Coming in the opposite direction was a truck-tractor behind two passenger cars.

The truck-tractor started to pass the rear car, but just at that instant the car pulled out into the path of the tractor to pass the first car in the oncoming procession. The coupe thus was confronted with a passenger car and a truck-tractor. It pulled out to the shoulder in an attempt to avoid a collision. The truck-tractor in a desperate effort to escape a crash swerved out to the same shoulder. Car and truck-tractor met head on.

Mr. Warnke was only 150 feet behind the Ford when it piled up. He jammed on his brakes, rushed to the wreck before any of those involved had fully regained consciousness. He pulled two men from the tractor, put them on the side of the road. Then he pried the doors off the car, dragged out one occupant. The car driver was pinned by the pedals and his hands were locked on the wheel. Precious minutes were lost as Driver Warnke pried the unconscious man's feet loose. While he worked the gasoline tank exploded. The flames spread rapidly, but the level-headed truck driver was able to get the man out before either victim or rescuer was burned.

Still holding control of the situation, Mr. Warnke next sent a passing motorist to the nearest city for an ambulance, and when it arrived he helped load the injured men. Just to make a record of the incident, he even photographed the burning wreck.

With his charges in safe hands, Driver Warnke then calmly proceeded on his way. He conceded afterward that he did have to stop at a station to change his uniform, which was soiled with blood and slightly scorched.

## NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By S. W. HELTON

Brothers Francis Houlihan and Frank Holst will be sadly missed by the members of Local Union No. 543. These two good brothers lost their lives as a result of a truck accident north of St. Louis. Brother Houlihan leaves a widow and a grown son. Brother Holst leaves a widow and seven minor children.

Brother Glen H. Rabanus, former business agent of Local 543, is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He says he is thankful that they sent him to a warm climate, but that he does not care for the 3.2 sold there.

Brother Ivan Greizat, former president and business agent of Local 543, who is a baker in the Seabees, was home on furlough in January. He stated, jokingly, that his three-month-old son, whom he had never seen, didn't recognize him. Is it any wonder?

We have made an appeal to the NWLB to reverse its decision on the Hicks Body Company contract at Lebanon. We have had no report on same to date.

The boys of the Sunshine Farms Dairy had a meeting Friday evening with refreshments, to arrange for the negotiation of a new contract due April 1.

According to the records of our Republican Congressman, Charles Halleck, he voted against the government on all bills except one, which was the first lend-lease appropriation. I wonder if his political ambitions influence his vote more than the desires and welfare of his supporters. He seems against all bills favoring the laboring man. Be sure and register so you can vote this spring and fall.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

## REGISTER NOW

Elections which will be held this year in the United States probably will be remembered as some of the most important and significant in the nation's history.

Many things will be at stake as the voters go to the polls. The future of the world, the future of the United States and the future of the organized labor movement may hinge on the results of the elections.

Will you be one of the Americans who will exercise their constitutional right to vote? Or will you be sitting by the sidelines, hoping that everything will come out all right, and wishing that you had registered so you would have been eligible to vote?

Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, declared in an article in the February issue of *The International Teamster* that "it is the duty of every man and woman who has the right to vote to be prepared to register and cast his individual vote, and to see that others do so, in the next general election, because on your individual vote may depend world safety, world civilization, world freedom."

NOW is the time to register. Do it NOW. But if you happen to change your address before the next election, it will be necessary for you to register again. If you think you already are registered, make sure that you are by contacting your registration place.

And make sure, too, that all other members of your family who are of voting age are registered.

One of the most important rights of an American citizen is his right to vote. Use that right. Register NOW.

## Lincoln on Labor

An editorial on Abraham Lincoln can be as conventional a gesture as the yearly groundhog story, or the yearly lyric in tired prose on the opening of the fishing season. But a labor editorial on Lincoln need not be a conventional bow to a hero of the past. Certainly his comments on labor still seem contemporary. Most of our statesmen, in fact, still have a long way to go before they catch up with Lincoln's understanding of labor.

It was Lincoln who called the tie between workers the closest tie there is except for the family relationship. And at this time, when it is becoming more and more clear that one of the most pressing needs of the post-war world will be the re-establishment of a free, international trade union movement, this thought is more apt and more applicable than ever.

The AFL is calling for the practical re-establishment of that essential tie between workers of all nationalities. But actually and in spirit, that tie has never been broken. Aid to the anti-Nazi trade unionists of Germany was extended by the AFL as soon as Hitler began his attacks upon that movement. The American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor raised hundreds of thousands of dollars during the period of the blitz. The Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the Federation, maintains special labor projects in Britain, China and Russia. Relief will be sent to the workers of Italy as soon as additional areas are liberated. And just this week the AFL, through the League, made a substantial contribution for the relief of the families of the Bolivian tin workers massacred by government troops during their recent strike for decent living conditions.

Even this small roundup of facts is ample testimony to the enduring truth of Lincoln's remarks. The shifting tendencies and preoccupations of 80 years have in no way lessened its freshness or importance. And the mere passage of time cannot lessen the warmth and admiration of labor for one whose wisdom has proved to belong to the ages.

## Mullen Blasts Jackson For Attack Upon Labor

A charge that Clarence A. Jackson, Indiana civilian defense director, is taking advantage of his position to build up the influence of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and to blast the organized labor movement has been issued by Carl H. Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

Mr. Mullen's accusation came after Mr. Jackson, while on a visit to Washington, issued a statement to the Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis Star, bitterly attacking many of the nation's labor leaders.

### Builds Up Chamber

"It is supposed to be Mr. Jackson's job as director of civilian defense to organize the citizens to work together in harmony in the war effort," Mr. Mullen said. "Instead of doing that, he has taken advantage of his position to build up the influence of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, by whom he is employed at a salary

which we are informed runs into five figures.

"He has taken advantage of his position as civilian defense director to see that all of the anti-union employers and his friends in Indiana were given some prominent appointment in the civilian defense organizations. He is the rabble rouser and the bell cow for the anti-labor forces in the state of Indiana.

### Wants Better Job

"Mr. Jackson went to Washington. He has been hoping for a long time that some of the Federal agencies would invite him there. We understand that he is hoping to be appointed as national secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Well, if one wants to secure a job in this country, all you have to do is start out blasting the organized labor movement and you generally finish up on someone's payroll at a very good salary.

"So, Clarence, God speed you on to Washington. Indiana will try to get along somehow."



## Prospective Shortage of Tires Stressed in Conservation Plea

A plea for all members of the Teamsters' Union to exercise the greatest of care in their use of truck tires has been issued by Steven Toth of East Chicago, vice-president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council.

"Many automobile drivers and some truck drivers apparently are operating under the delusion that plenty of new tires will be available during 1944," Mr. Toth said at a meeting of the Drivers' Council last month in Indianapolis.

"The fact is that only about 12,000,000 automobile tires and 14,000,000 truck tires will be turned out this year, and of the truck tires 10,000,000 will be used by the Army and 1,500,000 will be used by the Army Air Forces.

"That leaves only 2,500,000 tires for use by some 4,600,000 civilian-operated trucks in the United States. That appears to mean that many trucks which now are being operated may be forced off the highways by a lack of tires. Therefore, all drivers should endeavor to get that last mile out of that casing."

"The driver who does not properly care for his tires is handicapping himself and the nation's war effort."

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LOCAL 193

By RUSSELL T. HOUZE

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 193 ARE HELD AT 8 P. M. ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69, 28 WEST NORTH STREET, INDIANAPOLIS.

Members of Local Union No. 193 are still waiting for the War Labor Board to reach a decision in the Columbia Terminals and Household Movers cases. Although the members are thoroughly disgusted with the stalling tactics of the WLB, they have not lost hope completely. They feel that after a nine-month nap, some WLB member may wake up enough to make a recommendation of some kind on these cases.

The local has been quite concerned about the draft status of its secretary-treasurer for the last six months, but we are very much relieved to learn that he is too young for induction. But it took a good case of chickenpox to disclose his actual age. We are hoping he will be able to return to the office soon, minus the pox.

SUPPORT THE FOURTH WAR LOAN.

### PROUD OF LOCAL 188

One of the most enthusiastic members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 188 is Charles Emry, the oldest employee of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company plant at Sheridan. He has been employed by the company for 37 years.

"I am proud of Local No. 188," Mr. Emry said recently, "and I certainly appreciate the help which the local and the Teamster movement as a whole has given me."

## UNFAIR

The Home Made Pie Co. and Its Employees and The Sales Drivers of Omar Baking Company Are Unfair to Teamsters' Local Union No. 188

DO NOT PATRONIZE

## DISCUSSION OF FURLOUGH IS HIGHLIGHT OF LETTER FROM SERGT. L. J. DOYLE

Staff Sergeant Lawrence J. Doyle of Buckley Field, Colorado, a former member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135, and a former employee of the Hayes Freight Lines, included some army humor in a letter sent recently to Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of the local.

Here it is:

"An old backwoods couple had just received a letter from their son in the service. The weathered old gent was sitting on the edge of the porch, with his bare feet digging into the hot dust. The old lady began to read aloud. 'Dear Ma and Pa,' the letter began. 'Next week I am coming home on a furlough.' The old man looked up, saying, 'You know what, Ma? One of these days that damn fool son of ours is going to get on something he can't ride.'"

## Richmond Local 691 Says Hello

By JAMES K. KATZ

LOCAL NO. 691 MEETS AT 10:30 A. M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE EAGLES' ANNEX, SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, RICHMOND, IND.

Bill Kyle, a former representative of Local 691, stopped in the office this week to say "hello." He said the Army is O. K., but the old town looks good.

Lonnie Stoneking, of Old Quaker at Lawrenceburg, has been on the sick list. Hoping to see you back at work soon.

We are still awaiting the final decision of the War Labor Board on our Bursley & Company contract, which was certified to it in July, 1943. We hope to hear within a week or two.

Buy a bond and help back the attack. We only loan the money; our boys give their lives.



By Al Lindahl

- Jan. 6—Greetings on the first pay day of this year.
- Jan. 7—I wonder whatever happened to the lead ball that "Ram" Cobert paid 10 cents for at the milk machine? Do you suppose he did what the milkman told him to do?
- Jan. 8—I hope Chet LaPierre and Gordon Weist have plenty of money along tonight.
- Jan. 9—Walter Bartz, president, Joe Bella, vice-president, and John Cobert, treasurer, are the new and old officers of the Drewry's Athletic Association, so you guys can get on the ball with your membership, and dues for 1944.
- Jan. 10—I sure owe Francis Weber an apology, as I had him at Farragut, Idaho, instead of Providence, R. I., Naval Training Station, so I will buy this one "Boobie."
- Jan. 11—It is rumored that Steve Weiger has a crack bowling team of cellar rats lined up for match games on his pie alleys.
- Jan. 12—Charlie Bedoe, the rate of Notre Dame, is now on the inventory crew of Carl Theede's.
- Jan. 13—I bet a lot of wives didn't know their husbands made that much money in 1943.
- Jan. 14—With the weather conditions as they are, Bobbie Singleton has transportation troubles, as he doesn't know if he should ride his horse, motorcycle or drive his car to work.
- Jan. 15—Ernie Makielski claims that Joe Takacs is more lucky than smart.
- Jan. 16—Walter Bartz and Tom Hedrick have voucher trouble on this date.
- Jan. 17—Has anyone told you that George "Greaseball" Popp quit smoking? If not, you should be around in the mornings as the old wheeze is missing.
- Jan. 18—Vic DeClark arrived home from boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.
- Jan. 19—Have you signed your payroll deduction card for War Bonds yet? We must have 100 per cent.
- Jan. 20—Never could figure Jam Hubbard out on his telephone calls from the fair sex.
- Jan. 21—Did you see the sign across the street that seems to have had too much ale last night?
- Jan. 22—"Cobert," I didn't say anything about you voting for yourself.
- Jan. 23—A fine meeting of the guys and gals from the bottle shop under the able guidance of Business Agent Hike Granat was held in the Rathskeller and a lot accomplished on all angles, especially the safety pictures shown by Bill Harris from Indianapolis. I think that Lillian Williams won the steward's job by a weighty count.
- Jan. 24—Why didn't John Cobert get in that place he took the boys to get a Sunday drink? Maybe someone along knew the door-keeper.
- Jan. 25—Alva Helmick and Charlie Lawson must have been at the same place, to look at their respective right eyes.
- Jan. 26—Vern McKain must expect a warm winter with that big convertible Chrysler he broke out with.
- Jan. 27—Have you thought of a good name for our conservation club as yet?
- Jan. 28—I wonder if Ellen will make the grade in leap year? Sure hope her ears pierce easily.
- Jan. 29—The happiest gal in the bottle shop these days is Helen Graczyk, as her boy friend is coming all the way from Camp Maxey, Texas, to tie that knot in the near future. Sure hope she stays on the job.
- Jan. 30—"Met" Steinhof is the guy who beat Joe Bella's never-sweat bowling team last night. (Steve Weiger's ringer.)
- Jan. 31—Did you pay your gross income tax or do you pay penalties, too? Has anyone seen Lucille DeClark or Lois Drake since their husbands are home from the Navy?
- Feb. 1—Were there any trucks at any other breweries today?
- Feb. 2—Carl Theede has been on that Black Cow route now for a month.
- Feb. 3—It sure seems good to see Bill Tidwell, Carl Butjas, Jack Hurley and Eddie "Kaz" shooting a few beers during their furloughs.
- Feb. 4—I wonder if Bert Prawatt's idea worked for Louis Tobler?
- Feb. 5—Just a few days left to get on the Fourth War Loan drive so you can take a nice vacation in 1954 with what you purchased in '44.
- P. S.—Joe Wenciscs doesn't want to sell his "Studie."

## Harry Stokes Urges Teamsters To Join Navy or Navy Seabees



HARRY STOKES

### RECEIVE BACK PAY

Back pay varying from \$70 to \$100 per employee has been provided to drivers of the Dr. Pepper Company as the result of approval by the War Labor Board of a contract between the company and Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

The contract provides for substantial wage increases, Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of the local, has announced.

"The Navy and the Navy Seabees need you, brother, so come in and let's get this little game of war over with."

This is the message sent recently to the Teamsters of Indiana by Harry W. (Red) Stokes, machinist's mate, first class, of the Seabees, and a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

"I would like to recommend both the Navy and the Navy Seabees to my friends in the trucking industry," Machinist's Mate Stokes wrote. "Through my experiences in both branches of the service, I can truly say that both are the type of outfit for a good truck driver to be in."

"Both the Navy and the Navy Seabees offer you a nice clean life, although at times there are a few minor hardships attached to it. But any red-blooded American will enjoy either branch of the service."

"You get the best of dental and medical care, good pay, good food, and very nice clothes. Don't be backward and say you can't join, because in the Navy and the Navy Seabees there is no such word as can't. So come on in, boys, and let's get the job over with so we can all be at home again with our loved ones."

Machinist's Mate Stokes was employed by the Globe Cartage Company before entering the Navy, and previously was employed by the Kibler Trucking Company. He is stationed at Williamsburg, Va.

## Local 193's Red Ball Drivers Win \$5 Per Week for Expenses

### TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

All officers of Joint Council No. 75 were re-elected for 1944 at a meeting January 18 in South Bend. The officers are Walter E. Biggs, of Local No. 364, president; Alton P. Hess, of Local No. 414, vice-president; Robert Summers, of Local No. 298, secretary-treasurer; George B. Campbell, of Local No. 364, recording secretary, and Webb Place, of Local No. 298, Robert Wynkoop, of Local No. 414, and Alfred Brown, of Local No. 141, trustees.

Vice-President Hess, who also is president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, spoke during the meeting and urged all locals to send delegates to every monthly meeting of the State Drivers' Council, as this body accomplished much for all the locals during 1943.

Our office received letters from two former associates of our local within the last week. These from Capt. Earl J. Keiter and Corporal Wm. L. Locke. Capt. Keiter was a former business agent, and William Locke a trustee, of the local. These boys are still in there pitching but mention they will both be glad to get home again.

The writer of this column also had letters from Bill Warnick, former driver for Robertson Brothers Department Store, and Fred Geissel, driver for Sears and Roebuck Company. Fred is at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and Bill is at Camp Grufer, Oklahoma. We wish them well and know these fellows were good union members, and are undoubtedly making good soldiers for Uncle Sam. Today I also talked with Allen Fournier, home on a furlough, who is serving with the Seabees. He worked for Judd Furniture Company before he enlisted in that branch of the service.

(Eye Witness) Jack Cogswell, of the Freight Division, who is always seeing accidents some place, reports everything in tiptop shape on his side of town, and with Jack checking on docks and drivers it will remain that way. (We hope.)

Agent William Hansen, of Sales Drivers, reports everything fine, but

After many months of waiting, members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193 who are employed as drivers by the American Red Ball Transit Company have been awarded road expenses of \$5 a week, Russell T. Houze, president of the local, announced.

An agreement approved by the War Labor Board is retroactive to July 1, 1943, meaning that each of the drivers will receive about \$150 to cover their road expenses since that time.

The agreement was approved by both the company and the union before the WLB was asked to hand down its decision. As is customary in most cases, the WLB stalled the union and the company along. Mr. Houze made several trips to Chicago in an effort to get the board to hurry its decision.

here's a tip to Bread Drivers: Bill likes to get up early in the morning, and he's just itching to catch some early birds. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Freight Agent Leo Bauer says parts for an Oldsmobile are much harder to get these days than new drivers for some of the employers he calls on. Anyway, Ollie Pfender of Associated Trucking Company in Niles always has a cheery greeting for Leo whenever he goes to Niles.

Agent Mike Granat, of Drewry's Brewery fame and of the petroleum and soft drink drivers division, says that what the country needs is more people to keep saying, "Make mine Drewry's."

President Walter E. Biggs, who is a member of the War Manpower Commission in this area, gave an interesting talk over WSBT, the South Bend Tribune Broadcasting Station, last Friday p. m. President Biggs, who is also a member of a Tri-State Labor Board Panel, has been summoned to sit on an Anacosta Wire and Cable Co. case in Marion on February 14.

I haven't seen Agent Bert Snyder of Goshen and Elkhart, who represents Local No. 364 in that territory (and himself at the Constantine, Mich., Creamery, which manufactures butter). No news from Buck means good news, so we will assume that he is still on the job. Oh, yes, one of the girls just told me he was in last Friday (pay day).



## LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

### AM I A BUILDER?

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town;  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam, and the sidewalk fell.  
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"  
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.  
I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken a year to do."  
And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?  
Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?  
Am I shaping my deed to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

Our new oil contracts are coming through in fine shape. We have had five contracts approved by the War Labor Board. Expect to hear soon on Sinclair, Phillips, Socony Vacuum, Cities Service, Pure Oil and Williams contracts. We are receiving four cents per hour increase with retroactive pay from July 1, 1943.

Have an agreed case with Midwest Liquors for our drivers with a higher weekly rate and shorter work week.

Frank Potesak of Lake Charles is out of the hospital and is convalescing at home.

Papa Justak of Justak Trucking Company is on the road to recovery. He is able to be up and around.

Our new by-laws have passed second reading and expect to make the third at the February 10, 1944, meeting.

The new Stone & Webster job at Standard Oil is starting to roll. We have six men there.

Received an urgent call from Cooney Bros. Concrete Company, wanting ready mix and dump truck drivers for their Knoxville, Tenn., job. They are a good company to work for.

All members are urged to give to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. While the donations were liberal at our last two meetings, there are still a lot of members who have not contributed. And while reaching for those dimes, pull out \$75 for that extra \$100 bond you should buy to make the Fourth War Loan a success.

## Three Local 188 Contracts Given Approval by WLB

Three contracts, covering members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 188 who are employed by the Bond Baking Company, the National Biscuit Company and the Indiana Condensed Milk Company plant at Sheridan, have been approved by the War Labor Board, C. E. Davis, president of the local, announced recently.

Features of the contracts are as follows:

Bond Baking Company—\$4.20 per week increase for retail drivers, and \$1 increase in weekly guarantee, and 1 per cent increase in commissions for wholesale drivers. The increases were retroactive to last April 1, and some of the employees have received as much as \$500 in back pay.

National Biscuit Company—Truck drivers received \$3.80 increase in weekly pay, one-week vacations with pay, and a 48-hour week, with time and one-half for work over 48 hours. Inside employees received a 5-cents-per-hour increase, with time and one-half over 40 hours, and one-week vacations with pay. The increases were retroactive to last September 10.

Indiana Condensed Milk Company—5-cents-per-hour increase, retroactive to last April 1. Some of the employees have received as much as \$140 in back pay.

## Wage Boosts Won By Warehousemen Of Local No. 233

Wage increases of 2½ cents per hour have been granted by the War Labor Board to approximately 200 members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233 who are employed by five Indianapolis grocery warehouses.

Approval by the board of new contracts covering the workers was announced recently by Paul Page, president, and Ernest Crickmore, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 233.

The wage increases were retroactive to last November 1, and all of the employees already have received their back pay.

The warehouses involved are the Indianapolis Warehouse, the Coburn Warehouse, the Tripp Warehouse, the Indiana Terminal Warehouse, and the Strohm Warehouse.

Mr. Page and Mr. Crickmore emphasized that negotiations for the new contracts were friendly throughout.

Local No. 233 recently completed friendly negotiations with the Growers Association, an organization composed of vegetable growers in the Indianapolis area, for a new contract which will be sent to the War Labor Board for approval.

Local No. 233 also opened negotiations for new contracts covering employees of several Indianapolis commission houses.

### Free Coffee and Doughnuts

Members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233 who are employed as warehousemen and drivers by the Standard Grocery Company enjoy their work, and it's no wonder.

The company sees to it that the employees have a 15-minute rest period each morning and afternoon, and that free coffee and doughnuts are served to them during the rest periods in the warehouse recreation hall. In addition, free coffee is served at noon to any employees who want it.

While some companies shudder at the thought of giving their employees a chance to relax and enjoy themselves, the Standard Company has learned that its friendly acts have greatly increased the efficiency of its workers.

Maynard Lyons, of the Interstate Motor Freight Service, jumped off a dock and tore the ligaments in his leg. We hope to see him back at work soon.

Our members who are serving overseas are running into plenty of tough situations. Let's give them all the support we can by buying more War Bonds.

## 2 South Indiana Locals Aid Teamster Movement by Joining Council 76

### HERE'S THE LATEST FROM TERRE HAUTE LOCAL NO. 144

By NORMAN C. MURRIN

To all driver-members of Local 144:

Don't take the recent information concerning the shortage of equipment, tires and replacement parts too lightly. This is a matter of grave concern and within a short time may affect your earnings as drivers and chauffeurs. You owe it to your country and to your families to do everything humanly possible to maintain the present equipment in good condition and really see to it that we do our part in the matter. Bear in mind that all equipment failures are not entirely due to mechanical construction of the equipment, but in some instances are due to mishandling of equipment by our members. With a little effort on everybody's part, we should be able to eliminate a fellow who willfully mistreats the equipment that later on might afford you a job and your family a livelihood, or worse yet, might interfere with the successful prosecution of this all-important war that we are now engaged in. Just do YOUR part, and for the time being keep an eye on the other fellow, too!

A recent visitor at Local 144 was Gordon Moskowitz of the United States Navy. He has finished his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is hoping for some advanced training. Good luck and best wishes, Gordon!

We received a postcard from Pvt. Frank A. Cotton, 55810098, Hq. 32, QM Salvage Depot, Fort F. E. Warren, Wyoming, which said and we quote: "Tell the Miller-Parrott boys 'hello' for me and to keep up the good work." Unquote. Come on, gang, let's write to Frank and let him know that the Miller-Parrott boys are doing their best!

The decision rendered by the arbitrator for the bread drivers in Terre Haute was not satisfactory to the bread salesmen, but our men realize the decision was binding on both parties, and therefore the case is being submitted through Form 10 to the WLB for approval.

No news on the over-the-road agreement yet, boys. We wish to advise all highway drivers to keep a record of the time spent on their particular runs so that at a later date, if this information is needed, we may have it in readiness.

Construction in the Terre Haute area has boiled down to remodeling and repair work. The Burns City project seems to be our only active big job at this time. However, in this coming year the plans for Terre Haute look good and we expect to place many of our members on construction work when the post-war plans, as being formed now, are effective.

Attention, Teamsters! Anybody wanting a good T-bone steak in Chicago, contact O. B. Chambers. He knows the spots.

The new offices of Local No. 144 are now on the mezzanine floor of the building, and all you Teamsters are invited to come up and have a look around. But while climbing the stairs, would you please keep this thought in mind: There's a war on (remember?) and therefore we can't comply with the request to "install an elevator, why don't you?"

WLB action: Requests by Distributors Terminal Corporation, Standard Brands, Inc., and Refiners Transport and Terminal Corporation were all denied by the WLB on January 13 and 14. These cases

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—(Special)—Two more Teamster local unions in southern Indiana have affiliated with the newly-organized Joint Council No. 76, giving the council a solid front, Clyde B. Birdsong, the council president, announced here recently.

The two unions which recently joined the council are No. 582, of Evansville, and No. 644, of Princeton.

### Action Is Praised

Mr. Birdsong gave high praise to the members and officers of the two unions for their decision to help themselves and members of other unions in southern Indiana by providing greater unity of action through the council.

Other unions affiliated with the council are Local No. 11, of Evansville; Local No. 215, of Evansville, and Local No. 417, of Vincennes.

### Suggested by Flynn

The council was organized last July at the suggestion of Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin.

Other officers of the council, besides Mr. Birdsong, are William Schlageter, of Local No. 11, vice-president; Duane Rodarmel, of Local No. 417, recording secretary; Lloyd Rhoads, of Local No. 11, secretary-treasurer; D. W. Annis, of Local 215, trustee; Dominick Amoroso, of Local No. 11, trustee, and Charles Miller, of Local No. 417, trustee.

### PASS THE NEWS ALONG

Have you heard recently from any member of the Teamsters' Union who is serving in the armed forces? If so, why not tell the news about him to the rest of the Teamsters of Indiana?

Do it through your newspaper, THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. This newspaper is more than anxious to receive news about Teamsters who are serving on the fighting fronts.

Send your copy to the secretary of your local or to whoever has been designated by your local to serve as a reporter for THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. If you wish, you may send your items directly to the Editor, 23 W. North St., Indianapolis.

### COUNCIL MEETS FEB. 18

The next regular meeting of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 18, in the council headquarters, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis. Russell T. Houze, president of the council, has announced.

have been appealed, and we expect to have further information on all appealed cases before the next issue.

The taxicab agreement is open and the new contract has been drawn up and is ready to be negotiated. Come on, fellows, let's get together and submit our new agreement to the WLB in record time!

City freight—Employers insist on making a dispute case from the proposed city freight agreement. This dispute case will be filed with the WLB shortly.

Apprentice Seaman Ivan Neidlinger, our former secretary-treasurer, visited us recently to tell us about life in the Navy.

## In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL No. 759 MEETS AT 8 P.M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

Vaughn Watts, a member of Local No. 759, who is serving in a naval construction battalion in the South Pacific, recently received a citation from his commanding officer for excellence in the performance of his duties. Brother Watts, who formerly was stationed at the Naval Air Training Station, Bunker Hill, entered the service in October, 1942. He went overseas in January.

Two more members of Local No. 759 are on their way to the Army. They are Ivan Frazer, vice-president of the local, and Francis De Schamps. The best of luck to these boys, and we hope they will return soon.

Local No. 759 is still negotiating its coal, city freight and oil contracts with the operators. Nothing definite has been settled.

Kokomo has reached about 48 per cent of its quota in the Fourth War Loan drive.

The employees at the Armour Creameries are still waiting for a ruling from the War Labor Board. Their contract has been before the board since June. The local union hopes for action by the board in the immediate future.

